REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted responsive to the office action mailed January 4, 2011. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the accompanying remarks and amendments.

Initially, the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Tran for courtesies extended during a telephone interview which was held on March 29, 2011. In that interview, a proposed new claim was discussed which would better structurally define the invention over the art of record. Specifically, the undersigned explained that the present invention is directed to a glue-coated derived timber panel having a profiled edge for engaging a similar panel when the panels are assembled during installation. During manufacture of the panel, the one component adhesive film is applied to the profiled edge and is allowed to dry. This panel, with a profiled edge for engaging another panel, and with dry adhesive on the profiled edge, while the profiled edge is not engaged with another panel element, is the inventive concept, and nothing in the art of record discloses or suggests such subject matter.

During the interview, agreement was not reached as to whether this would overcome the art rejection, and the Examiner indicated that she would further consider this position upon seeing the amended claim.

By the present paper, a new set of claims is presented which correspond generally to the previous dependent claims all dependent from a new independent claim 90. It is submitted that claim 90 defines over the art of record, and that dependent claims 91-129 are allowable based upon this dependency and also in their own right.

In the prior office action, all then pending claims had been rejected over US 4,980,404 to Aydin et al. (hereafter "Aydin"). Aydin was discussed at length during the interview, and it was acknowledged that Aydin does not teach allowing a one component adhesive to dry on an engagement profile before the profile is engaged with another component as called for in claim 90. Further, making the panel in the claimed manner results in an advantage in manufacturing processes, since the glue can be applied in the manufacturing facility, and drying carried out under better controlled conditions than may be present at the building site or other location where the panel element is to be ultimately assembled and used. This helps assembly personnel avoid exposure to the volatile adhesives.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim, each and every feature of the claim must be expressly or inherently described in the reference. See *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California,* 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. See *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.,* 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Further, the elements must be arranged as in the claim. See *NetMoneyIN, Inc. v. Verisign, Inc.,* 545 F.3d 1359 (Fed. Cir. 2008).

The rejection fails with respect to claim 90 because there is no express disclosure in Aydin et al. that a panel would be coated with adhesive, and that the adhesive would be allowed to dry with the panel in a non-engaged position.

For these reasons, pending claim 90 is allowable.

Claims 91-129 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 90 as well as on their own accord.

The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge tan extension of time to Deposit Account No. 02-0184. Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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